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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment and Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.116 is in response to the Examiner's Action dated 30 January 2004, which Action has been made Final, in which claims 1-40 are pending, 19-39 were withdrawn subject to a restriction requirement, and 1-18 and 40 were rejected in connection with the above-identified patent application. A Response to this Notice is due 30 April 2004. Hence, this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

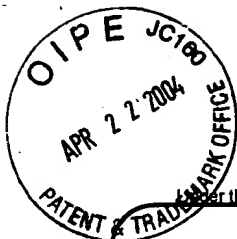
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Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the following Amendment and Response, withdraw the pending rejections, and pass the above-identified application to issue.

Kindly amend the subject application as follows.



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